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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I'm a 75 year old that lives in rural California. I depend on the internet for shopping, bill paying and staying in touch with "the outside." At one time I had DSL but now that is not available where I live. Comcast is the ONLY ISP available to me. They have raised their rates to where it is difficult or impossible for me afford an ongoing subscription. My only income is Social Security. I have researched low income internet but I do not meet the requirements i.e, having a child on the School Lunch Program. Although I had to retire early because of a disability, I was not elegible for Disability. Comcast just phased out a low cost bundle for internet and basic TV. Their internet price at the lowest speed now is \$51.95 on a month-to-month basis, otherwise I have to drive to the nearest town with my laptop to use free wi-fi. I'm not so good at driving anymore.

Please don't let the big ISP companies like AT&T raise their rental prices on their copper wire system to independent isp's. I no longer have access to copper, leaving me with one choice for internet, Comcast, or nothing, and they have raised their prices on internet also.

Thank you for your consideration.

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